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HOUSE ARMED SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE TO CONDUCT FIELD HEARING AT FORT CARSON, COLORADO

The Subcommittee on Military Readiness of the Committee on Armed Services of the U.S. House of Representatives today announced details of a two-part field hearing at the Elkhorn Conference Center in Fort Carson, Colorado. The first hearing will take place on Friday, March 8 at 9:00 a.m. It will focus on current and future combat, technical, and other training requirements of the military services. The second portion of the hearing will begin at 2:00 p.m. and focus on military information assurance programs.

Media Information:

- All members of the press interested in covering the hearing must contact the Fort Carson Public Affairs Office at (719) 526-1264 to make arrangements for attending the event.
- Due to election year restrictions, press may not interview Members of Congress while on a military facility. However, subcommittee members will entertain questions from the media at a location to be determined after concluding the first portion of the hearing.

Public Information:

- The hearing is open to the public.
- For security reasons, members of the public who want to attend the hearings must register *in advance* by calling (719) 526-4143.
- Public access to Fort Carson will be through Gate 1, located on Nelson Blvd. off Highway 115. In order to enter the base, members of the public must have a government-issued photo ID, vehicle registration, and proof of insurance.

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Witness List:

9 a.m. Hearing: Military Training Capabilities /Shortfalls

Panel 1:

- General John N. Abrams, USA, Commander, Army Training and Doctrine Command
- Vice Admiral Alfred Harms , USN, Commander, Chief of Naval Education and Training, Pensacola, FL
- General Donald Cook, USAF, Commander, Air Education and Training Command, Air Force
- Lieutenant General Edward Hanlon, Jr. , USMC, Commander, Marine Corps Combat Development Command

Panel 2:

- Brigadier General J. D. Thurman, USA, Commander, Army National Training Center
- Major General L. D. Johnston, USAF, Commander, Air Warfare Center, Nellis AFB, NV
- Rear Admiral Richard Harris USN, Commander, Navy Strike and Air Warfare Center, Fallon Naval Air Station, CA
- Brigadier General Joseph F. Weber, USMC, Commander, US Marine Corps Training Command, Twenty Nine Palms, CA
- Brigadier General Swan, USA, Commander, 7th Army Training Command, Grafenwohr, Germany
- Brigadier General Kamiya, USA, Commander, Joint Readiness Training Center, Ft. Polk, LA
- Major General L.D. Johnston, Commander, Air Warfare Center, Nellis Air Force Base, NV

2 p.m. Hearing: Information Assurance Issues

Panel 1:

- The Honorable (Dr.) Linton Wells, II, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control and Communications), Department of Defense
- Lieutenant General Peter M. Cuvillo, Chief Information Officer, Department of the Army
- Mr. Dan Porter, Chief Information Officer, Department of the Navy
- Mr. John M. Gilligan, Chief Information Officer, Department of the Air Force
- Major General Dale W. Meyerrose, Director, Command and Control, U.S. Space Command

Panel 2:

- Mr. Robert F. Miner, Senior Vice President, Engineering, Enterecept Security Technologies
- Ms. Mary Ann Davidson, Chief Security Officer, Oracle Corporation
- Ms. Robin Roberts, Product Manager, VPN and Security Services Business Unit, Cisco Systems

Background Information:

The jurisdiction of the House Armed Services Committee includes the operations of the Department of Defense (DOD) as well as the national security operations of the Department of Energy's (DOE)

budget. DOD's annual budget of nearly \$380 billion (requested for fiscal year 2003) affects millions of military and civilian personnel, thousands of facilities, and hundreds of agencies, departments, and commands located throughout the world. The oversight responsibilities of the House Armed Services Committee are conducted primarily within the context of the committee's consideration of the annual defense authorization bill.

In past years, subcommittees of the House Armed Services Committee have held similar "field" hearings on subjects including military readiness, health care, domestic counter-terrorism preparedness, and Naval Transformation. In many cases, testimony provided at these hearings directly influenced provisions contained in the annual National Defense Authorization Act.

The committee divides its responsibilities between five standing subcommittees (Military Procurement, Military Research & Development, Military Readiness, Military Installations and Facilities, and Military Personnel) and four special oversight panels (Morale, Welfare, and Recreation; Merchant Marine; Terrorism; and DOE Reorganization).

The Military Readiness Subcommittee is chaired by U.S. Representative Joel Hefley (R-CO) and is comprised of 23 members of Congress. The subcommittee is responsible for annual authorization of funding for operation and maintenance, the readiness and preparedness requirements of the defense establishment, and related legislative oversight.

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